and its tributaries were in spate following heavy rain;

(b) if so, whether a large area of Barapeta sub-division in lower Assam had been affected and the floods have washed away the crops in various parts of Assam; and

(c) whether the Union Government have supplied food to the flood victims in the State; and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL-TURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Due to heavy rains in the catchment, two waves of low to medium floods occurred in the Brahmaputra and its tributaries towards the end of May and mid-June respectively.

(b) According to the preliminary reports received from the State Government of Assam, crops in the Baghbor circle of Barpeta, and in parts of Jorhat, North Lakhimpur, Sibsagar, Mangaldoi, Tezpur and Karimganj districts were affected by floods. The extent of the area affected in Barpeta sub-division is yet to be reported by the State Government.

(c) Distribution of relief to flood victims is undertaken by the State Government. The State Government rushed gratuitous relief to the affected areas in addition to supply through fair price shops in the area. The Government of India have released to the State Government 5000 tonnes of rice to meet the emergency.

Accommodation facilities to Government Employees having 10-20 years of Service

1845. SHRI DINEN BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of AND WORKS AND HOUSING AND REHABILITATION SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of the Government employees who have 10 to 20 years of 922LS-4. service to their credit are not provided with accommodation facilities; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide accommodatinn to them?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND RE-HABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) A large number of Government servants, who have put in 10 to 20 years' service and who are eligible for general pool accommodation, are waiting for allotments.

(b) Within the available resources, Government is trying to construct as many quarters as possible.

भारत की परियोजनाम्रों के लिये यूनेस्कों का समर्थन

1846. श्री कल्याण जैनः श्रीजी० वाई० क्रुष्णनः

श्री कृष्ण कुमार गोयलः

क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण झौर संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्र संघ शैक्षणिक, वैज्ञानिक तथा सांस्कृतिक संगठन (यूनेस्को) ने नेर्यावरण की सुरक्षा स्रौर ऊर्जा के उपयोग के लिए बनाई गई भारत की परियोजनाम्रों को समर्थन देने का स्राश्वासन दिया है ; स्रौर

(ख) यदि हां, तो राष्ट्र संघ की उक्त एजेन्सी द्वारा दी जाने वाली सहायता का व्यौरा क्या है?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण थ्रौर संस्कृति मंत्री (डा० प्रताप चन्द्र चन्दर):(क) ग्रौर (ख): यूनेस्को के महासचिव ने ग्रपनी भारत यात्ना के दौरान विकासशील देशों के वैज्ञानिकों को पर्यावरण संबंधी शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में कार्यकलापों ग्रौर ग्रन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सौर ऊर्जा कांग्रेस में भाग लेने के लिए सहयोग देने का वायदा किया था ! यूनेस्को ने दिसम्बर 1977 में दिल्ली में होने वाली ग्रन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सौर ऊर्जा कांग्रेस में विदेशों से भाग लेने वाले व्यक्तियों के समर्थन

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के वास्ते 19000 डालर देने के संबंध में पहले ही ग्रपनी सहमति दे दी है। पर्यावरण सबंधी शिक्षा के लिए यूनेस्को की सहायता के ब्यौरे ग्रभी तैयार नहीं किए गए हैं।

. Ratoon cultivation

1847. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL RED-DY: Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ratoon, a cheap sugar source, has been discovered by Scientists of Indian Institute of Sugarine Research, Lucknow; and

(b) if so, steps proposed to be taken by the Government to exploit the cultivation of ratoon plant for the production of sugar for commercial purposes?

MINISTER OF AGRICUL-THE TURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) cultivation ratooning In sugarcane i.e. raising a second crop from the harvesting the stubble after plant crop, is a normal practice all over the country. It is, therefore, not correct to say that scientists of Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow have discovered ratoon as a cheap They have, howsugarcane source. ever, developed agro-technology for improving yields from sugarcane ratoons.

(b) Agro-technology developed at the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow specifically for the management of sugarcane ratoons, is being extended to State Sugarcane Development Departments, Sugar factories and farming community. सिंबाई के जन्तगंत भूमि का क्षेत्र

1848 भी फूल चन्द वर्माः

भी हकमदेव नारायन यादवः

क्या **हुवि झौर सिंचाई** मंत्री यह बताने की हुपा करेंगे कि :---

(क) गत तीन वर्षों में कुल कितनी भूमि के लिए सिंचाई साधन उपलब्ध किए गए ; ग्रौर

(ख) श्रागामी तीन वर्जों में ग्रौर कितनी भूमि के लिए सिंचई साधन उपलब्ध कराये जाएगे ?

कृषि भौर सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाला) : (क) चौथी योजना के अन्त में ग्रर्थात् 1973-74 के ग्रन्त में बृःद, मध्यम श्रौर लघु स्कीमों से सिचित कुल क्षेत्रे 42.2 मिलियन हेक्टेयर था। ग्रब यह झेत्र 1976-77 के ग्रन्त तक वढ़ कर 47.4 मिलियन हेक्टेयर हो गया है ग्रर्थात् पांचवीं योजना के पहले तीन वर्थों में 5.2 मिलियन हेक्टेयर की वद्धि हई है।

(ख) ग्रगले तीन वर्षों में कम से कम 8 मिलियन हेक्टेयर ग्रतिरिक्त क्षेत्र में मिचाई सुविधाग्रों की व्यवस्था हो जाने की ग्राण है।

Demands by National Association of Food Corporation Employees

1849. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands made by the National Association of Food Corporation Employees towards the betterment of the various categories of the employees of F.C.I.; and